30th January 1929]

Occupation of the police quarters at Charmadi by the Puttur Taluk Board.

*1164 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what amounts were spent for the police station and constables' quarters at Charmadi in South Kanara, and in what year or years they were built;

(b) since what date they have discontinued to be in use;

(c) what amounts, if any, have been spent since then for their watch or repairs;

(d) whether they are used for any other purposes;

(e) whether it is a fact that they are going to ruin;

(f) whether any request was made by the Puttur Taluk Board to permit the station to be used for Local Board Elementary school, which has no proper habitation of its own;

(g) whether it is a fact that the request has been refused; and if so, for what reasons; and

(h) whether Government propose to reconsider the matter and permit the taluk board to use it for the school purposes, on condition that they should vacate it in case Government require it for their purposes; and if not, why not?

A.—(a) The police station and constables' huts were constructed in 1917 at a cost of Rs. 3,238 and Rs. 6,064 respectively.

(b) In the re-allocation which was given effect to from 15th April 1926 the police station at Charmadi was abolished, but the station house and the police lines were retained for the use of the police staff engaged for temporary beat work during the coffee season.

(c) For repairs—

	RS.	A.	P.
(1) Station building	41	13	6
(2) Constables' huts	71	0	0
Amount spent on the watcher ...	8	11	0

(d) No.

(e) No.

(f) Yes.

(g) Yes, for the reason stated in answer to clause (b).

(h) The matter is under consideration.

Madras Record Office

Transfer of Persian records in the Madras Record office to the present building.

*1165-A Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) when the Persian records in the Madras Record office were transferred to the present building;

(b) what steps were taken by Mr. Dodwell to arrange them, catalogue them and otherwise make them available to scholars;

(c) who was assisting Mr. Dodwell in this connexion;

(d) what progress has been made during and after Mr. Dodwell's time; and

(e) whether any materials left by Mr. Dodwell cannot be made available to research scholars; if so, why?

A.—(*a*) 1910.

(*b*) A list of some of these records was made by Mr. Dodwell.

(*c*) One of the clerks of the office.

(*d*) Beyond the listing of some of these records, nothing has been done in respect of these records during or after Mr. Dodwell's time.

(*e*) Yes.

Under the existing rules research scholars can be allowed access to these records.

Appointment of a clerk in the Madras Record office.

* 1165-B *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether an advertisement was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* on 20th November 1923 by the Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, dated 17th November 1923, calling for applications from Persian and Hindustani knowing men for a clerk's post in the Madras Record office; how many applied for the post and why no appointment was then made; and when the Government propose to fill the vacancy?

A.—Yes.

Eleven candidates applied. No suitable candidate was available. The Government do not intend now to make such an appointment.

Action taken on the report on the working of the Madras Record office.

* 1165-C *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to place on the table the orders on the report of the Special Officer Mr. H. A. B. Vernon, I.C.S., on the working of the Madras Record office?

A.—The Government have not passed orders on the report.

Classification and printing of Persian records in the Madras Record office.

* 1165-D *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of bundles of Persian records preserved in the Madras Record office;

(*b*) whether the same have been listed or catalogued or sorted;

(*c*) whether the lists so prepared have been printed or published, and if not, why not; and

(*d*) what steps have already been taken or are proposed to be taken by the Government to classify and print the Persian records and make them available to the research scholars and students?

A.—(*a*) The Persian records comprise of about 365 bundles of various sizes and about 330 volumes.

(*b*) A rough list of the contents of these records has been prepared.